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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INCREASE OF MSGS

DEPT FOR A/SY (PASS CO MSG BN) FROM AMBASSADOR DEAN

1. SUMMARY: THE CRISIS SITUATION IN PHNOM PENH HAS RESULTED IN A

SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN THE PROTECTIVE CAPABILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENDARMERIE NATIONALE (PREVOTE MILITAIRE) WHO ARE ASSIGNED AS ARMED GUARDS ON THE EMBASSY COMPOUND. SPECIFICALLY, THIS LOSS OF CONFIDENCE HAS RESULTED IN THE URGENT NEED TO AUGMENT THE STRENGTH OF OUR TWELVE MAN MSG DETACHMENT BY AN ADDITIONAL TWELVE WATCHSTANDERS.

2. IN THE PAST FIVE DAYS, THE PROTECTIVE SECURITY OFFERED BY THE PREVOTE MILITAIRE (PMS) HAS STEADILY DECLINED, PRIMARILY AT THE EMBASSY COMPOUND AND THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

3. OUR PRESENT DETACHMENT OF ELEVEN WATCHSTANDERS AND NCOIC ARE WORKING AN AVERAGE OF EIGHTEEN HOURS A DAY WITH THEIR NORMAL DUTIES ON POST AND ADDITIONAL NECESSARY DUTIES OF SECURITY ESCORTING, PACKAGE AND PEDESTRIAN CONTROL OF EVACUATION PERSONNEL ENTERING THE COMPOUND AND MONITORING OF THE ACTIONS OF COMPOUND SECURITY PMS.

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4. IN THE EVENT THAT "EAGLE PULL" IS COMMENCED, THE USMC GROUND SECURITY FORCE COMMANDER HAS ONE SQUAD DEDICATED TO AUGMENT THE SECURITY OF OUR CHANCERY COMPOUND PERIMETER. THIS WOULD BE TOO LATE, HOWEVER, FOR OUR PRESENT NEEDS. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT TWELVE MSGS BE ASSIGNED IMMEDIATE TDY TO PHNOM PENH. THEIR FUNCTIONS WOULD INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

A) MAN SIX CHANCERY PERIMETER BUNKERS.

B) AUGMENT PROTECTIVE SECURITY AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND GENERAL PALMER'S HOME.

5. GEN. PALMER (CHIEF MEDTC) CONCURS.

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